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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First St. NE; Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Bison Pipeline Project Final Environmental Impact  
Statement, OEP/DG2E/Gas 3, Bison Pipeline, LLC, Docket  
Nos. CP09-161-000; PF08-23-000, FERC EIS-0233F,  
CEQ# 20090450

Dear Ms Bose:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. Section 4321, et.seq., and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7609, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) prepared by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for construction and operation of the Bison Pipeline Project in portions of Wyoming, Montana, and North Dakota.

The proposed project is expected to transport up to approximately 477 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from production fields in the Powder River Basin to Midwestern markets (primarily Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois). Bison proposes to construct and operate:

- Approximately 301.2 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline extending northeast from a point near Dead Horse, Wyoming, through southeastern Montana and southwestern North Dakota, to an interconnect with Northern Border Pipeline Company's pipeline system near Northern Border's Compressor Station #6 in Morton County, North Dakota;
- One new compressor station totaling 4,700 horsepower of compression: the Hettinger Compressor Station located in Hettinger County, North Dakota;
- Two new meter stations;
- Nineteen mainline valves; and
- Three pig launcher and pig receiver facilities.